

DIDD Statewide Planning and Policy Council (SPPC)

Established pursuant to TCA 33-5-601 & 33-5-602

The Council shall advise the Commissioner as to plans and policies to be followed in the service systems and the operation of the department programs and facilities, recommend to the general assembly legislation and appropriations for the programs and facilities, advocate for and publicize the recommendations, and publicize generally the situation and needs of persons with intellectual or developmental disabilities and their families.

Council Members	City & Affiliation	Term
Senator Becky Massey	Knoxville, TN <i>TN Senate</i>	1/1/15 to 1/1/17
Representative Bryan Terry	Murfreesboro, TN <i>TN House of Representatives</i>	4/1/15 to 4/1/17
Ms. Cecilia Melo-Romie	Franklin, TN <i>Vanderbilt</i>	1/18/14 to 1/18/16
Dr. Arie Nettles	Nashville, TN	1/23/14 to 1/23/16
Melissa Richards	Hermitage, TN <i>The Columbus Organization</i>	1/1/15 to 1/1/17
Phillip Garner	Waynesboro, TN <i>Buffalo River Services</i>	1/1/15 to 1/1/17
Laura Brown	Nashville, TN <i>TN Commission on Aging and Disabilities</i>	6/24/15 to 6/24/18
Connie Richardson	Clarksville, TN <i>Support Solutions of the Mid-South</i>	7/8/15 to 7/8/18
Cathy Kavara	Summertown, TN <i>Buffalo River Services</i>	7/10/15 to 7/10/18

Ex-Officio Members	Affiliation
Governor Bill Haslam	<i>State of Tennessee</i>
Lauren Percy	<i>TennCare, Director of Intellectual Disabilities Services, Quality & Administration</i>
Commissioner Debra Payne	<i>Department of Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities (DIDD) Commissioner</i>
Laura Vegas	<i>DIDD, Assistant Commissioner of Policy & Innovation</i>
Theresa Sloan	<i>DIDD, Assistant Commissioner & General Counsel</i>